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1. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 2000-126115, published May 9, 2000 together with an English language abstract;
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4. Japanese Application Publication No. 2001-512606, dated August 21, 2001 together with an English language abstract from corresponding PCT application WO 98/36682.

Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the reference 1 has been described in the specification.

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